



HOLY ROSARY PARISH
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Parish Mission Statement

*Led by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Parish strives
to be a welcoming servant community.*

*We celebrate the goodness of God's unconditional love
through worship, education and service.*

Parish Council ~ October 2007



November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday:
7:30, 9 & 11 AM
Monday-Friday: 8 AM
Saturday: Communion
Service: 8AM
Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Confessions:

Saturday:
3:30-4:30 PM

The Catholic Cemetery
serving Holy Rosary is
Holyrood Cemetery.
206-363-8404

*“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
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Dear Parishioners,

Advent is upon us! O come, O come Emmanuel! This is the Season that helps us get ready for the coming of the Savior at Christmas. The Season is symbolized by the Advent wreath with four candles. As the light on the wreath gets brighter as we approach Christmas, so should light and hope grow in our hearts; that light and hope that only Jesus can bring. There is a reason why Christ had to come into this world: to be a light in the darkness.



I would encourage everyone to make an effort to make that space in one's heart for Christ to come. If the heart is crowded with so many concerns, preoccupations and all the stuff that happens during the "holidays," it may crowd Him out. The Inn at Bethlehem was so full of other guests and crowds it could not receive our Lord that Christmas night. Mary and Joseph had nowhere to go. But the stable received him, that poor, simple cave/structure received him. May our hearts be like that stable, removed somewhat from the busyness, crowds and traffic of the world, a quiet out of the way place.

A few things to consider during this Advent to make space in one's hearts: Setting aside time for prayer. Reading Scripture, especially following the Mass readings; praying the Rosary every day of Advent, especially the Joyful mysteries. Spiritual reading is an excellent Advent practice. Caryll Houselander's book "The Reed of God" is a favorite Advent read of mine.

A very appropriate and excellent practice during Advent is going to confession, a cleansing of the soul and conscience, The Sacrament of Mercy, reconciliation, peace. On December 13th at 7pm this year the parish will host an opportunity for private confession. There will be a brief penance service prior to confessions that will consist of Scripture reading, a reflection and an examination of conscience. At least eight priests from neighboring parishes will be joining us to hear confessions, so things should move right along. In addition we always have confessions at 3:30 to 4:30PM on Saturdays, and during the week before Christmas I will make some times for confessions.

I wish everyone a hope filled Advent.

In Christ,

Fr. Vincent



Come, Lord Jesus

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

- **Coffee'nd** hosted by the Marriage and Family Life Commission.
- **Advent Wreath family project** in the Pastoral Center after 9AM and 11AM masses.
- **11AM Youth Mass** in the church.

Monday, November 28, 2016

St. Catherine Labouré

John Grabinski/RIP

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Edge Night** (Middle School) in the Pastoral Center, 7:00PM.

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

St. Francis Fasani

Gabriella Deibler/RIP

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, 7PM.

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

St. Andrew

Gene Campi/RIP

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

- **8 AM Mass**
- **RCIA** meets in the Pastoral Center Conference Room, 7PM.

Thursday, December 1, 2016

St. Edmund Campion

Anne Nelskog/RIP

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

- **8 AM Mass**
- **Bible Study—Follow Me...Gospel of John** meets in the Pastoral Center, Rm. 206, **9AM and 6:30PM.**

Friday, December 2, 2016

St. John Ruysbroeck

Zetta O'Brien/RIP

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

- **8 AM Mass—First Friday**
- **Women's Association** meets in the Pastoral Center, 8:30AM.
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ends at 3:30PM.

Saturday, December 3, 2016

St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 51, 6-8

- **8 AM Communion Service**

Sunday, December 4, 2016

St. John of Damascene

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

- **Coffee'nd** hosted by the Kindergarten families

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, Dec. 8th: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation. The mass times for this feast are 8AM, 9AM and 6PM.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 7PM: Penance service and private confessions.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The holidays are a difficult time for those who have lost someone dear to them. We invite you and your family to a Holiday Remembrance Service in honor of those who have died, and in support of those who live. Join us for an evening of worship, remembrance and refreshments. **Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 2016—7PM, at Beck's Tribute Center, 405 Fifth Ave. S, Edmonds.** We hope you will join us—RSVP by Dec. 2nd, 2016 at 425-771-1234

Did you know? The Rosary is led each weekday morning at Holy Rosary at 7:30AM, prior to daily Mass. All are welcome to join us in the church for this devotion. As a community dedicated to the Rosary, this is a perfect practice to share with your fellow parishioners.



A Catholic View of the World

By Robert King

I was in college when I first decided to take my faith seriously. One of the first things I discovered was that, for the Church, the year begins with Advent, not with January 1. So, because I was trying to be a really good Catholic, I started making my New Year's Resolutions on the First Sunday of Advent.

My New Year's Resolutions usually involve either giving something up or starting some new habit, kind of like the disciplines I take on for Lent. Like Lent, Advent has a penitential aspect to it. But, while Lent focuses on sorrow for our sins, the emphasis in Advent is on preparation. It's a time of reforming our lives so that we're ready and able to welcome Christ. It's getting our house in order, re-setting our priorities, and stoking our desire to see our Lord.

A good Advent prepares us to welcome Christ in all the different ways he comes to us. We welcome him in our memory by celebrating his birth at Christmas. We welcome him in anticipation of his Second Coming at the end of history. And we welcome him by welcoming all those he sends for us to love and care for.

This year, I'm making extra time for prayer every day.

Where has your life lost its focus on Christ? What can you do to get ready to welcome him?

FROM THE QUESTION BOX:

I keep hearing about "feast days." Why don't we have big meals? Where is the food?

In the first century, Christians would gather for Mass followed immediately by a community meal, called an Agape, or a "love" feast. Eventually, this led to disputes (see 1 Corinthians 11:17ff) and generally became impractical. So before long, Christians began eating their meals at home with family or friends, after the Eucharist, much as we do today.

In fact, the Eucharist is the richest and most festive meal we can have: it is the flesh of God himself, given so that we can share his life. It is the "bread of angels" and the "cup of blessing." When we follow it with a fancy banquet, we really remind ourselves of the spiritual banquet we have already had.

So celebrations in the Church are called "feasts," because we feast on the Eucharist. There are three levels of feasts: Memorials, which are like birthdays, small parties for a few people; Feasts (confusing, I know), which are like three-day weekends, everyone celebrates them, but we don't go all out; and Solemnities, which are like Independence Day or Thanksgiving, celebrations of what unites us. "Holy Days of Obligation" are Solemnities so important that it's disrespectful to refuse to celebrate. Sundays count because every Sunday is a "little Easter" – celebrating Jesus' resurrection. If that's not worth celebrating, nothing is.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: The fall schedule for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, including high school Confirmation classes, special events and Archdiocesan activities, is now on the Holy Rosary website, under "Serving You". Check out the activities and events, and contact Angus with any questions.

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"The Lord is kind and merciful!"

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Top 10 tips for Living in Love – Every Day

1. Approach marriage as a proactive "vocation". Seeing marriage as a proactive and unilateral mission to convince the other that he or she is loved and lovable changes our whole mindset and focuses our energies on loving at a higher standard of success. We will live our marriage with more intentionality. We can ask the Lord for the specific graces we need to bring His love as well as our own to our spouse.

2. Affirm each other as a man or woman every day. Affirming the other lifts our own spirits and makes us feel grateful to have this man or this woman as our spouse. If we look for virtue, we will find it. It is not just that he or she is a "nice" person. It was their unique masculinity or femininity that drew us to them in the first place. When we affirm them as a man or woman it resonates most clearly with their innate personhood and is the most powerful affirmation. Criticism is a cancer that kills marriage, and the best way to root out criticism is to actively affirm the other.

(...More to come in future columns.)

PRAYER SUPPORT... *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”*...-Matthew 11:28-29

A Time to Heal — Vanessa O’Berg, Joe Sackmann, Brian Butler, Tom McCarthy, Frank and Valerie Rocco, Jim LeFevre, Marguerite Koprowski, Pierre Wybo, Jim Baker, Gil Martelino and Cornelia Tomici.

A Time to Mourn —

“Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy.”

-Catholic Blessings & Prayers

Please contact **Roberta Tassani** at 425-778-3122 or robertat@holyroaryedmonds.org if you have a prayer request.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE—Our Christmas Giving Tree (aka “Charlie Brown Tree”) is here!

THE TREE IS UP!, We have **two weekends** to take the tags and bring them back attached to their gifts. Gifts **MUST** be back by **noon on December 11th**—please, please, please.

We will have four agencies again this year: the Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, which is a shelter for abused women and their children; Catholic Community Services in Everett, the Interfaith Family Shelter in Everett, and the Frederic Ozanam House (for formerly homeless men) in Seattle.



To refresh your memory: take the paper tags off the tree, fill the request, and return the wrapped gift (exception: *CCS does not want them wrapped*, but bags are OK) to the tree with the tag **securely** attached to it, replacing the paper tag with an ornament from home (thus the tree “blooms” again).

Thank you for all you do for these people. They are most grateful!!!!

All Edmonds Community Health Fair is on Wednesday, November 30th, 10AM-2PM at the Edmonds Plaza Room, 650 Main Street, Edmonds. Senior nursing students and local health professionals will be there to provide information and answer questions. Free admission. This is the Holy Rosary Health Ministry’s third year of participation in this Health Fair.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank: On Saturday, Nov 19th, SVDP members delivered a turkey and several bags of food to over 40 needy families in our area so they could have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. We couldn't do that without all of your generous donations. *Thank you!* But the need goes on, and this week we could use more of Pasta Roni, coffee, Bisquick, toothpaste, liquid dish soap.



Be a “SECRET SANTA” Gift requests for the St. Vincent de Paul “Secret Santa project” have been distributed. Gifts must be placed under the giving tree, with the tag that was provided tied to it, by **noon, Dec. 11th**. For information or questions, contact Barb Fahey at 425-776-4145. *Thank you for your generosity.*



OUTREACH

The Women’s Association will meet this **Friday, Dec. 2nd**, following the 8AM Mass. Items from the Holiday Fair will be available for sale after the meeting. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Senior Moments book group will meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 7**, in the Pastoral Center Conference Room at 1PM to share the books we have been reading. Everyone welcome!



A Psychologist is available to treat concerns such as depression, anxiety, grief and loss, and family problems. This service is offered for adults and children of the community. If you need assistance, please call **Dr. Jeff Baird** at 425-977-4534 to leave a message (your call is confidential and will be returned within 24 hrs.)

SCHOOL NEWS

HOW TO REACH US



November 26 and November 27, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- **Our Fourth Graders honored the Parish Grotto Ladies** last week by serving them hot cider and cookies. The students talked to the Grotto Ladies about Fourth Grade happenings and gave them cards of appreciation to thank them for keeping our Grotto so nice.
- **Holy Rosary School is having a food drive** during November and December to help stock the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank for the holidays and beyond.
- **Wednesday, November 30th, 8:30AM—**Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- **Monday, November 28th—**November Birthdays-Free Dress
- **Monday, November 28th, 8:30AM—**Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- **Wednesday, November 30th—**End of First Trimester
- **Wednesday, November 30th, 8:30AM** Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- **Friday, December 2nd, 8:30AM—**Advent Prayer Service in Gym
- **Friday, December 2nd, 6-8PM—**St. Nick Family Fun Night

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 ★ **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:** We thank the ★
 ★ members of the business community who adver- ★
 ★ tise in our bulletin. Please support the businesses ★
 ★ who make our bulletin available at *no cost to us!* ★
 ★ *This week we especially thank:* ★
 ★ **O yeah Tasty** ★
 ★ **Szechuan & BBQ** ★
 ★ **Free Delivery** ★
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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

"An Afternoon of Christmas Sharing" hosted by the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Pius X, **Saturday, Dec. 3rd**, 11AM—2PM. Champagne Luncheon (\$15.00), Silent and Oral Auction. St. Pius X Social Hall, 22209 58th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace. Call 425-745-4570 for reservations. Credit cards accepted.

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- PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM - Parents attend two sessions to prepare to celebrate this sacrament. We encourage parents to attend before the birth or adoption of their child. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a weekend liturgy on the first weekend of the month. Please call the Parish Office six weeks prior to the desired Baptism date to register your child. Next preparation classes are on Monday evenings, January 23rd and 30th, 2017, from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Office. Please call to register. Upcoming baptisms are on February 4th, 2017 at 5PM, and Easter Sunday, April 16th, 2017 at 11AM.

MARRIAGE - Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Preparation for celebrating and living the sacrament is required. Contact Deacon Ray Biersbach for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - is celebrated any time there is a serious illness or health crisis. Contact the parish office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also celebrated periodically at a Sunday liturgy and on weekdays.

FUNERALS - Please contact the parish after a death, and before making arrangements with a funeral home.

CONFIRMATION - The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated yearly for those who are age 16 or older. Attendance at preparation sessions is required. Contact Angus McDonell, Youth Minister.

Adults who have not been confirmed may also celebrate the sacrament. Contact Robert King, Associate for Adult Faith Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST - Children are prepared for these sacraments after completing a year of remote preparation in either the school or a religious education program. This is a two-year program; the first year is a general introduction, and the second year being specific preparation. Parents attend preparation sessions for each sacrament. Contact Mary Hupf, Director for Elementary Faith Formation, for more information.

ADULT INITIATION - Adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith participate in sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Contact Robert King, Associate for Adult Faith Formation, for further information.

WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH. PLEASE CALL US FOR A REGISTRATION FORM OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR AN ON LINE FORM.